



JRM/imp 5/14/04 60177

PATENT

#12/B  
6-20-04  
B.J.LX

In re application of:

Geoffrey B. Rhoads

Application No.: 09/538,493

Filed: March 30, 2000

For: METHODS FOR INSERTING AND  
DETECTING WATERMARKS IN  
DIGITAL DATA

Examiner: M. Smithers

Date: May 14, 2004

Art Unit 2137

Confirmation No. 8045

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as being attached or enclosed herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on May 14, 2004 as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
Joel R. Meyer  
Attorney for Applicant

**AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RECEIVED**

MAY 24 2004

Technology Center 2100

Sir:

In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-12 as follows:

B<sup>1</sup>

This application is a [~~division~~] continuation of copending application 09/186,962, filed November, 5, 1998, which is a continuation of application 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (now Patent 5,862,260), which is a continuation-in-part of: PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996; application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now Patent 5,822,436); application 08/534,005, filed September 25, 1995 (now patent 5,832,119); application 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now patent 5,841,978); application 08/436,102, filed May 8, 1995 (now patent 5,748,783); and application 08/327,426, filed October 21, 1994 (now patent 5,768,426). Application 08/327,426 is a continuation in part of application 08/215,289, filed March 17, 1994 (now abandoned), which is a continuation in part of application 08/154,866, filed November 18, 1993 (now abandoned). Application 08/637,531 is a continuation in part of application 08/512,993, filed August 9, 1995 (now abandoned). [~~Application 08/637,531 claims priority to applications 08/534,005, filed September 25, 1995 (now patent 5,832,119); 08/512,993, filed August 9, 1995 (now abandoned);~~